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Applicant: George Morrison et al.

Application No.: 10/045,657

Filed: November 7, 2001

Title: **TISSUE SEPARATOR ASSEMBLY  
AND METHOD**

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) Group Art Unit: 3739  
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) Date: August 12, 2002

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated March 12, 2002, enclosed please find:

- [X] Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application – Filing Date Granted;
- [X] Petition for a Three Extension of Time with Check No. 1896 in the amount of \$460.00 covering fees due.
- [X] Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Utility Patent Application signed by two inventor(s).
- [X] Petition under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) with Exhibit A and Check No. 1897 in the amount of \$130.00 covering petition fee.
- [X] Check No. 1898 in the amount of \$972.00 covering filing fees due (Statutory basic filing fee -\$370.00), (additional claim fees -\$369 for 41 claims over 20), (\$168.00 for 4 independent claims over 3), and (oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65.00).
- [X] Letter to Official Draftsperson with 8 sheets of formal drawings.

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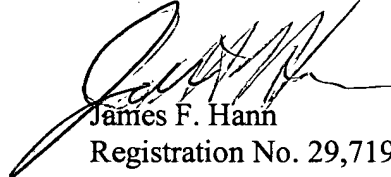
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[X] Third Information Disclosure Statement in duplicate with PTO 1449 form  
and copy of reference cited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be  
required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0869  
(Docket No. ARTM 1011-4 US). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are  
 the following papers:

[X] Eight (8) sheets of formal drawing(s).

Authorization is hereby given to deduct from or credit to Deposit Account No. 50-0869  
 (ARTM 1011-4 US), any additional fees that may be required with this matter.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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04 FC:205	65.00 OP

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$537.
  - \$369 for 41 total claims over 20.
  - \$168 for 4 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 972.

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The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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